Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Cannot the Government promise that it will try to do it? Will the Government be pleased to say why a license fee was not levied last year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Because Government thought that it would be a hardship.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the hardship has increased this year more than last year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— Government will inquire into the conditions at present existing and do the needful.

Watering places for cattle.

302. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to enquire in what all places there is real need for watering places for cattle and remedy the defect as early as possible?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar:- The matter has already engaged the attention of the Government. The Rural Reconstruction Committee during their enquiry in the several villages of the State, prepared a list of places where water supply is required for drinking and bathing for both men and cattle. In passing orders on the report the Heads of Departments concerned were asked to consider the list of Works proposed by the Committee.

Marketing officers.

303. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when were the marketing officers appointed;

(b) what is the average monthly cost on account of them and their establishment;

(c) what is the nature of their work and what are the achievements to their credit in alleviating the distress caused by the Economic Depression?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar:— (a) The Marketing Officer for Crops took charge on 28th Menam 1110 and the Marketing Officer for Dairying and Live-stock on 1st Medam 1110.

(b) Average cost for Marketing Officers per month Rs. 400.
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(c) A marketing survey of the State with particular reference to all important agricultural products and Live-stock and Dairying products.

(2) Development of Markets and Marketing in the State.

(3) Work on Grade Standards in all items dealt with. Regular marketing survey was started on 1st June 1935 only and it is too early to speak anything of achievements.

The functions and duties of the Panchayats.

304. Mr. K. S. Manickam:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the functions and duties of the Panchayat;

(2) are the recommendations of the Panchayat accepted by the Registrar;

(3) is the Panchayat given any hand in the execution and supervision of a work conducted in their jurisdiction;

(4) is there any instance of a recommendation made by the Panchayat President being vetoed by the Registrar of Panchayats;

(5) has the Panchayat Registrar set aside the recommendations of the President of the Irinjalakkuda Group Panchayat when the President recommended non-payment to a contractor on the reason of the unsatisfactory nature of the work executed by the contractor ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon:— (1) Please vide Panchayat Regulation, V of 1089, and Rules issued thereunder.

(2) Not always.

(3) Yes.

(4) There may be.

(5) No.

Raising the standard of English—High School, Kunnamkulam.

305. Mr. K. T. Mathew:—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to Question No. 349, dated 14th March 1935 whether all those steps referred to in the answer are being followed?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— Yes.

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